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SUBJECT: KOSOVO -- SEEKING INDONESIAN SUPPORT IN UNSC

REF: A. STATE 16244

¶B. JAKARTA 293

Classified By: Pol/C Joseph Legend Novak, reasons 1.4 (b+d).

¶1. (C) Charge d'Affaires John Heffern delivered Ref A demarche to Secretary General Imron Cotan--the number two official at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DEPLU)--on Sunday February 17. Charge underscored that supporting Kosovo's declaration of independence was of the utmost importance to the United States and our EU partners. It was critical to peace and security in Europe. He noted that the UNSC was scheduled to meet in emergency session on the issue today, and strongly urged that Indonesia avoid participation in any unnecessary and unproductive UNSC debate on this critical, sensitive issue.

¶2. (C) Cotan told Charge that Indonesia would listen careful to the upcoming UNSC debate, would weigh carefully the arguments of both sides, and would not/not intervene substantively in the debate. He also reiterated Indonesia's position re Kosovo independence (Ref B). He explained that DEPLU had sent a paper to President Yudhoyono that recommended that Indonesia take a "wait an see approach" to the issue, and should decide whether to recognize Kosovo after assessing the actions of other countries.

¶3. (C) Charge also reviewed the matter directly with Dino Djalal of the Office of the President.

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